

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application: **(AS ON AMENDED SHEET(S) ANNEXED TO IPRP)**

Claims 1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (New) Device for taking a sample of biological tissue transcutaneously, comprising: a needle arrangement comprising a tubular body, having a proximal end associable with a grip and being provided with an edge free at the opposite end, lamina elements protruding towards said proximal end and movable between a neutral position in which said lamina elements lies near said tubular body and an operating position in which said lamina elements is distanced from said tubular body, wherein said lamina elements is formed from a portion of said tubular body.
11. (New) Device according to claim 10, wherein said needle arrangement furthermore comprises a window member shaped to enable said sample to be extracted by said device.
12. (New) Device according to claim 10, wherein said needle arrangement comprises an outer tubular body extending externally of said tubular body.

13. (New) Device according to claim 12, wherein said outer tubular body comprises protuberances so shaped as to move said lamina elements from said neutral position to said operating position.
14. (New) Device according to claims 10, and further comprising an inner tubular body slidably insertable inside said tubular body.
15. (New) Device according to claim 10, wherein said lamina elements are triangle-shaped.
16. (New) Device according to claim 10, wherein said lamina elements are angularly spaced between one another by about 120°.
17. (New) Device according to claim 10, wherein said lamina elements are defined by notches that are obtained in said tubular body.
18. (New) Device according to claim 10, wherein said window member has a perimeter defined by a pair of straight margins that are connected at a pair of ends by an arched proximal border and at a pair of opposite ends by an arched distal border.